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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEETINGS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS

1. FINANCE MINISTER NHAN WHO IS HEADING GVN DELEGATION TO IMF/IBRD MEETING REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, SECRETARY SIMON, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, EX-IM BANK CHAIRMAN CASEY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY COOPER, AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER. WE EXPLAINED THAT MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME, MOST PARTICULARLY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SECRETARY SIMON, WOULD UN-DOUBTEDLY BE MOST DIFFICULT, BUT AGREED TO INFORM WASHINGTON OF HIS DESIRES. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT EXIM CHAIRMAN CASEY INVITED NHAN TO CALL ON HIM AND ALSO INDICATED HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR NHAN TO VISIT THE NY STOCK EXCHANGE TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE TECHNICALS ASPECTS OF A SECURITIES MARKET. WE ASSUME EA/VN AND USDEL TO IMF/IBRD MEETING WILL ARRANGE OTHER APPOINTMENTS WITH US OFFICIALS.

2. MINISTER NHAN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY VICE PRESIDENT HUONG TO CALL ON WIDOW OF LATE GENERAL CREIGHTON ABRAMS TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE VICE PRESIDENT ON GENERAL ABRAMS' DEATH. CONSEQUENTLY, NHAN ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE LATE GENERAL ABRAMS' WIDOW. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON THIS MATTER.
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